

SLAYER OF WOMAN SOUGHT BY POLICE

Mrs. Tiarks, 73 Years Old,
Found Dead in Home—
Robber Suspected.

JEWELS AND CASH GONE

Coroner's Physician in Doubt
as to Whether Murder or
Suicide Was Committed.

A mysterious man who was seen seeking admittance to the home of Mrs. Caroline Tiarks shortly before she was found lying dead in her bedroom at 515 West 138th street early yesterday is being searched for by the police in the belief that he may be able to throw some light on what is now a mystery. So far neither the police nor the coroner's physician, who made an autopsy, are willing to say whether the aged woman's death was due to murder or suicide.

Mrs. Tiarks, who was 73 years old, was found at 1 o'clock yesterday morning, her hands bound behind her and jewelry and money missing from the room. She had been dead about an hour, according to Dr. Mills of Knickerbocker Hospital. It was believed that burglars, trying to get the large sum of money they thought was kept in the house by her son, Herman Tiarks, a confectioner at 537 Broadway, had killed her.

Dr. Benjamin Schwartz, coroner's physician, announced as the result of his autopsy yesterday afternoon that death had been caused by dilation of the heart and pulmonary edema. He would call it neither homicide nor self-destruction. Inspector Gray of the detective bureau was equally in doubt. There were no marks of violence on the body, and the ropes that bound her, although they had been cut before the police arrived, seemed not to have been knotted tightly, but merely drawn into loops around each wrist.

The mysterious visitor to the apartment was reported by a neighbor, Morris A. Rosen, who lives on the same floor. He said that about 9 o'clock Friday evening he saw the man ringing the hall bell.

"Nobody's home there," he offered. "Oh, yes, the old woman's always home," the other answered. Five minutes later Mr. Rosen, returning, found the stranger outside the Tiarks apartment, ringing the door bell. Mr. Rosen paid no further attention, but entered his own rooms. He described the visitor as between 18 and 25, light and smooth shaven, wearing a gray suit. A general alarm has been sent out for the man.

HELD AS ROBBER OF CUBAN.

Man Seen in Restaurant Arrested
as Alleged Assassin.

Charged with being one of two robbers who held up Pablo Hernandez, a wealthy Cuban, in Central Park last Tuesday, a man who said he was Fred Jenkins of 28 West 17th street, was held in \$2,000 bail in the West Side Court yesterday. Theodore Weisenberg of 864 Lexington avenue heard Hernandez's outcries at the time of the holdup. He chased the robbers and recovered a gold watch and \$50 in cash. Weisenberg saw Jenkins in a Broadway restaurant and caused his arrest as one of the robbers.

FRANCES ALDA, who will continue to appear as a dramatic soprano, singing *Francesca* in "*Francesca da Rimini*," one of the novelties at the Metropolitan in the season about to open.



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CANADA EXPLAINS DISPUTE.

Chief to Lay Pacific Fishing Case
Before Washington.

OTTAWA, Canada, Aug. 26.—To discuss with the United States authorities complaints by American Pacific coast fishermen that the Canadian Government has refused them bait and supply privileges at Canadian ports, W. A. Pount, Canadian Superintendent of Fisheries, has gone to Washington.

The Marine and Fisheries Department today denied reports emanating from Washington that the Canadian Government, supported by a British order in council, had blacklisted American fishing vessels in north Pacific waters.

In explanation of the situation it was pointed out that Canada some years ago gave American vessels the right to obtain bait and other supplies in Canadian ports provided they shipped their catch over Canadian railroad lines. This was followed by great developments in the halibut industry on the British Columbia coast, the Grand Trunk Pacific alone carrying a tremendous amount of halibut from Prince Rupert to American markets. This business being lost to Seattle strong agitation arose there against the Canadian regulations, and recently it is charged, certain American vessels, having taken on bait and supplies at Canadian ports, took their catch to Seattle. As a result the Fisheries

Department has refused these vessels bait and supply privileges and will continue to refuse them, it was declared, until they undertake to observe the regulations.

4 MISSOURI CONVICTS FLEE.
Saw Their Way Out of Penitentiary
and Scale Walls.

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo., Aug. 26.—The most daring escape from the State penitentiary here in years became known today when prison officials learned that four convicts, one of them serving a life term for murder, saved their way out of their cells last night and during a severe thunderstorm scaled the prison walls. Bloodhounds immediately were put on the trail.

All the cells in the tier in which the convicts were confined lock with a sliding steel bar and this was cut with saws. They eluded three night guards and gained the outside of the cell building, where they entered a long unused tunnel that connected with the power plant. A ladder found in the tunnel enabled them to scale the stockade walls. The escaped convicts are William Webber, life term for murder, and Thomas Finner, Thomas McCall and Harry Morris, each serving ten years for robbery. Warden McClune has offered a reward of \$700 each for their capture.

ALDA TO BE HEARD IN DRAMATIC ROLES

Will Sing Leading Part in
"*Francesca da Rimini*" at
the Metropolitan.

GOSSIP OF THE STAGE

John Craig and Mary Young,
to Make Tour in Shake-
spearian Repertoire.

Frances Alda, who made her first appearance in a dramatic role last spring when she sang *Aida* with the Metropolitan Opera Company during its engagement in Atlanta, met with such success that she has decided to continue her career as a dramatic soprano. She will therefore sing the role of *Francesca* in "*Francesca da Rimini*," the new opera by Riccardo Zandonati, which will be one of the novelties at the opera house next winter.

The composer is not altogether unknown to this country. He wrote "*Conchita*," which was heard at the Metropolitan Opera House five years ago during one of the engagements of the Chicago Opera Company. He has used the d'Annunzio play as a text.

Nothing will be settled definitely until the return of Cleofonte Campanini to this country, but it is not improbable that the Chicago company will give a season of two weeks here next winter. Only French works will be sung. One of the features of the season will be elaborate revivals of "*Faust*," and Gounod's once popular "*Romeo and Juliet*" will also be sung. At least two modern French works never sung here will be given.

John Craig and Mary Young, who for eight years were at the head of the Castle Square company in Boston, which became the best known stock company in the United States, have been engaged by the Shuberts to make a tour next month in Shakespearean repertoire. "*Romeo and Juliet*" and "*Hamlet*" will be two plays in which the actors will appear. There were several Shakespearean revivals at the Herald Square Theatre under the management of Mr. Craig and scenery from this theatre will be used. It was in designing the scenery for some of Mr. Craig's Shakespearean productions that Livingston Platt first became known. The tour of Mr. Craig and Miss Young will be confined largely to the Eastern cities.

In the spring Mr. Craig will return to Boston and with a special company produce the play which he and the other judges decide is the best of those written by students of playwriting at Harvard.

Melanie Kurt will be the soloist at the concert of the Civic Orchestra Society at the Madison Square Garden next Tuesday. She will sing the "*Liedes*" from "*Tristan und Isolde*" and Genta's aria from "*Der Fliegende Holländer*."

The New York Community Chorus will hold its eleventh meeting in Central Park this afternoon. Director Barnhardt has added some old songs to those to be distributed on the song sheets. Alma Simpson, who has been on the operatic stage in Berlin, will sing a selection from "*Tannhauser*." In case of rain the meeting will be held in the De Witt Clinton High School.

Paul Potter's popular farce "*The Girl From Rector's*" will soon be acted in London as "*The Girl From Ciro's*."

MADGE LESSING IS TO HAVE THE LEADING

role. N. C. Goodwin, who has been playing in "*David Garrick*" in the towns near Boston, will give "*The Merchant of Venice*" as an open air performance this week. Mr. Goodwin is celebrating the Shakespearean tercentenary. Amelia Bingham will soon return to the stage. M. S. Benham is now arranging her tour in vaudeville.

Yesterday and last night the Hippodrome was the scene of a costume parade for Charles Dillingham's "*The Big Show*," which opens next Thursday night. The total number of costumes worn was 5,314, of which more than 2,000 were designed by Leon Bakst for Mme. Pavlova's ballet, "*The Sleeping Beauty*." Mme. Frances Ziebarth is at the head of the wardrobe department. Klaw & Erlanger have engaged Miss Sarf Petras for the role of *Rosko* in "*Little Miss Springtime*," the new musical play which will have its premiere in Philadelphia and will be seen here at the New Amsterdam Theatre on September 25.

The French company of pantomimists which Winthrop Ames is bringing to this country for the production of "*Pierrot the Prodigal*" at the Booth Theatre will arrive to-day on the New York.

VENEZUELAN CRITICISE U. S.

Dislike Interference in Mexican Affairs, Says John A. Stokes.

That the people of Venezuela are not at all pleased with our handling of the Mexican situation was the statement last night of John A. Stokes of Maracaibo, Venezuela, who, with his wife, sister of Judge T. I. Fitzpatrick of San Francisco, arrived at the Hotel McAlpin yesterday for a vacation trip through the United States and Canada.

"The people of Venezuela believe that we had no business butting into the internal affairs of Mexico," said Mr. Stokes. "We should not have recognized and backed Carranza, they feel. They think we did right in handling the bandit raids."

Mr. Stokes told of a revolution which was nipped in the bud last May by President Juan Vicente Gomez. Gomez had left Maracaibo for a long tour of inspection. During his absence the Vice-President of the state, Zulia organized the merchants, raided the customs funds and began to spend them in bettering the streets. When the President returned by boat shots from the soldiery greeted him.

"President Gomez landed a mile away and boldly marched right up to the revolutionists," said Mr. Stokes. "He made a strong address, which ended in the jailing of all the opposition party. They will be lightly dealt with."

Mr. Stokes brought a collection of parrots. There are fifteen of them, most of them talkers, ranging in size from a Guacamaya, two feet tall, to a Hilda, the size of a canary.

MASQUE TO AID CHARITIES.

"Peace and War" to Be Given by Miss Constance Collier.

Arrangements are being made for Louis Napoleon Parker's masque of "*Peace and War*," to be given during the coming season by Miss Constance Collier and Mrs. Benjamin Guinness. The proceeds of the first performance will be offered to the army relief fund for the sympathy and response America has shown for the allied war charities.

Proceeds of subsequent performances will be devoted to British and allied charities, among which will be included the Millicent Sutherland Ambulance, the Arts Fund, the Star and Garter Home for disabled soldiers, etc.

The masque will be given with a list of stars, both American and English, many of whom took part in it on its recent performance in England under the auspices of Lady Arthur Paget, when the afternoon's proceeds for a single performance netted almost \$25,000.

NEW FIRE ALARM SYSTEM IN SPRING

Commissioner Adamson Will
Open the Last of His
Bids Friday.

Fire Commissioner Robert Adamson will open on Friday the last of the bids for the underground installation of the new fire alarm system. With these contracts completed and three more contracts for posts, boxes and central offices finished, the new system, said to be the best that could be devised, will be ready for use probably some time in the spring.

The system will have cost about \$3,000,000, but will more than pay for itself in the reduction of fire insurance charges. The old system has been deemed obsolete for twelve years. The new system will have 1,760 fire alarm boxes, instead of 800, the present number. Only ten street boxes will be attached to any single circuit.

Each fire house will be attached to the central office by circuits wholly independent of the alarm box circuit, not more than four fire houses being on any one of these circuits. Fire alarms turned in on a street box will register at headquarters, which will be in a new building in Central Park, and from thence will be sent to the proper fire houses over the independent circuits. Provisions for notifying independently the department chief, his under chiefs, all fireboat stations and the insurance patrol are included.

There will be direct connections with the fire headquarters in the Bronx, Richmond and Queens. Blackwell's, Randall's and Ward's islands are connected by cables. Public schools, hospitals and similar buildings are to be connected with the street box system.

COLUMBIA GETS MORE MONEY.

\$2,200 Added to Building Fund of
Dental School.

Since announcement by Columbia University of the gift of \$100,000 from James N. Javelle for the establishment of the dental school, additional gifts have been received. Gifts of \$2,200 to be applied to the \$20,000 building fund were announced yesterday by Dr. Henry S. Dunning, chairman of the committee in charge of raising the fund. Dr. N. S. Jenkins gave \$1,000 and Dr. William Jarvie, brother of the donor of the \$100,000 Jarvie fund and in whose honor the gift was made, sent Dr. Dunning \$500. Dr. O. J. Chase gave \$200 and his son, Paul, gave \$100. The other donors to the fund were Mrs. Henry S. Dunning, Russell Palmer, Jr.; Victor H. Jackson, Harold S. Vaughan, Arthur Merritt, James F. Hershock, Leo Stern, William Tracy and Mrs. Charles Scott, who gave \$1,000 each, and Dr. Rodney Ottolengui and Dr. Louise Hall \$100 each. Dr. William J. Gies gave \$100 and \$100 for each of his three sons, Robert, John and James.

DIES OF BURNS AT PRAYER.

Aged Woman Knocks Over Candle
on Fire Dies in Bedroom.

Mrs. Bridget Ahearn, 74, of 151 Penn street, Brooklyn, where she lived with a married daughter, Mrs. Minnie Brutsch, died yesterday in the Williamsburg Hospital from burns received early in the morning. While kneeling in prayer before a prie dieu in her bedroom a lighted candle was knocked over and set the bedding afire.

While trying to extinguish the blaze her wearing apparel ignited and she had been terribly burned when assistance reached her.

BACK TO NATURE CURE IS TOLD BY EDISON

Hunt a Quiet, Uninhabited
Spot and Rest in Peace,
His Recipe.

ORANGE, N. J., Aug. 26.—Discussing his proposed automobile trip on Monday with Henry Ford, John Burroughs and H. S. Firestone, Thomas A. Edison explained one of his recent methods of relaxing is to commune with nature on journeys to remote sections and in the solitude of the forest enjoy a rest.

"For the last eight years I have been going back to these Jersey mountains, away from the beaten roads of automobilists. Within fifteen miles from here is a section of dirt road for automobiles, without bumps and in a dense forest, where you travel eight miles without seeing a human habitation. The place is up near Newfoundland, N. J., and all I'm afraid of is that some of these automobilists will find it and then will come dust, noise and poor roads again."

"Now this mountain camping idea will be just along this idea of quiet. We are going to find in several States some of these quiet spots and camp there. You know how to locate a suitable place such as I have in mind? Why it is very simple. You start off dead west and run your car fifty miles, going by the compass. Then you take the first dirt road north, and if that is not a fair one for travel take the next one and go dead east, then south until you have gone on a square and you will find within those imaginary lines your 'back to nature' opportunities for real rest."

"Oh, I'm a chemist, you know; I'll attend to the cooking," was Mr. Edison's reply to the question about the camp life the three men will enjoy in the Adirondacks, Catskills and Vermont mountains. "You know I'm a pretty light eater and I guess I have Henry Ford conversed. Burroughs too is taking some of my ideas on this subject. But we'll have four men along to handle the camps and run the cars, and I suppose they'll be pretty good eaters. We will catch fish, buy our milk and eggs from farmers and we'll have a pretty good time."

Mr. Edison and his party will go in two cars, one on the truck plan for camp equipment, the other for the three men and the chauffeur. They will be gone two weeks.

ACTRESS'S RELEASE SOUGHT.

Habeas Corpus Asked to Get Miss
Cavanaugh From Ellis Island.

Through a writ of habeas corpus applied for in the United States District Court yesterday, Goldstein & Goldstein, attorneys, are trying to prevent the immigration authorities from deporting Miss Hilda Rose Cavanaugh, an English actress, whose fiancé is Clarence D. Levey, a real estate broker of Long Branch, N. J.

Several years ago Levey met Miss Cavanaugh when she was filling a theatrical engagement here. The couple became engaged, but Miss Cavanaugh returned to London to resume her stage work there. Several weeks ago she returned here on the Carpathia, expecting to fill another theatrical engagement. In spite of the fact that she travelled first class the immigration authorities held her up on the ground that she was without funds and likely to become a public charge.

Miss Cavanaugh told the board of special inquiry of her theatrical engagements, but the board ordered her deportation and the finding was upheld by the Department of Labor in Washington. Then Mr. Levey came forward and stated his desire to marry the actress. This is made the basis for the writ of habeas corpus applied for yesterday asking for the release of Miss Cavanaugh from Ellis Island.

DEUTSCHLAND DYES FINDING NO SALE

Manufacturers Refuse to Pur-
chase Because of Prohibi-
tive Prices.

3,042 CASES ON U. BOAT

Owners Tried to Get Out of
Vessel on One Trip. Trade
Goods Paper Says.

The German freight steamer *Deutschland* brought to the United States 3,042 cases of dyes, containing about 1,000 tons, according to the *Oil, Paint and Drug Reporter*. This trade journal, in an article appearing in its issue of yesterday, discloses the state of the dye market under the sea to the marines here and also tells the reason for the prohibitive prices quoted for the dye. The article appearing in its issue of yesterday, discloses the state of the dye market under the sea to the marines here and also tells the reason for the prohibitive prices quoted for the dye. The article appearing in its issue of yesterday, discloses the state of the dye market under the sea to the marines here and also tells the reason for the prohibitive prices quoted for the dye.

"Included in the cargo are known to have been many colors not made in this country," the *Reporter* explains, "arsine wool and cotton dyes. Many of these dyes are specialties for the dyeing of the cotton and woolen industries, yet it is known that, despite prohibitive offerings, many of the manufacturers in these lines have refused even to consider a purchase."

"This is for two reasons. The first is that the asking price in many instances is from ten to twelve times the normal asking figure—dyes retailing before the war at from 35 to 45 cents being quoted at from \$4 to \$5 and even as high as \$9 and \$10 a pound. The second reason is that many American manufacturers have so adjusted their lines of goods that, with the aid of American dyeing makers, they are getting along about as well as under normal conditions."

"It is generally held that, were not for the fear of German outbreak on petition after the war American manufacturers could so branch out and develop that in time all requirements would be met through domestic production."

The claim that the dyes are from 10 to twelve times as highly concentrated as usual, a reason for their high price, is ridiculed on the ground that no poison is known for reaching anywhere near the latter stage of concentration. "It is openly asserted that the exportable owners intended to get a high cost of the vessel out of her first trip, it is explained, adding that the price charged was eight times the buying price of the dyes in Germany prior to the war."

JERSEY OPENS RIVER BEACH.

Third Found Necessary So Attractive Is Englewood Bathing.

So popular have been the two bathing beaches near Englewood, N. J., that a third beach has been opened to the public by the Interstate Park Commission, that another beach has been opened to handle the crowds.

This beach, like the others, is free, there being no charge even for the bath houses. Many schoolboys of said beach had been dumped on it, making it so dangerous that the beach was closed. The new beach, the rustic pavilion, a few minutes from Englewood. Bathing must finish their own suits. Englewood can be reached from New York by ferry from Dyckman street, boats running every fifteen minutes. Near Englewood is the canoe and motor boat basin, to harbor without charge all sorts of small craft.

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